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THE ATHERLEY TRIAL.

MILK AND CHAMPAGNE BILLS EVOKE COMMENT.

COURT CONTEMPT INCIDENT.

Resuming his cross-examination of the compradore at to-day's hearing of the case against Mr. James Edward Atherley, Mr. Elsie Zeitlyn indicated the defence.

The witness was questioned as to Atherley's requests for a loan, and the subsequent payment to Atherley of a sum of \$1,500 in bank notes. The compradore did not admit the request and said he was ordered by Atherley not to pay collected money into the Company's account.

During the course of the hearing the interpreter of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist was ordered out of Court, it being alleged that he made some communication to the witness by shaking his head.

A current account kept by the compradore to record monies passing between himself and the Manager constituted a point on which the former was cross-examined at great length by counsel for the defence in to-day's proceedings in connection with the trial of James Edward Atherley, former manager in Hongkong of Messrs. Getz, Bros. of the Orient, on charges of misappropriation of monies amounting to \$3,275, belonging to the firm, before Sir Henry Gollan, the Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions.

Continuing his cross-examination of the chief witness for the prosecution, Mr. Chau King-yan, who is the compradore of the firm, Mr. Elsie Zeitlyn asked:—

Mr. Chau, I think you told us yesterday that the auditors examined and audited your books every month?—They came and audited the books once a month.

In order to see whether and to what extent your liabilities to the firm had been discharged?—That is only known to the Manager, and not to me. The object of it was not known to me.

What, then, do you think they examine the books for?—As far as I was concerned, I knew nothing. I only believe that because it is a limited liability Company they should come and audit the books.

It is important for you, was it not, that your responsibility to the Company should be found to have been discharged from time to time?—Not so; that is between me and the Manager, as far as my discharged of the liability is concerned.

Let us understand each other: When you took up duties as compradore, you had to provide the Company with a guarantee?—Yes, I had to provide a guarantee.

Does that consist of scrip, a mortgage of your property and also a personal guarantor?—Yes, a personal guarantee and my mortgage deeds.

Your mortgage is for \$10,000?—\$20,000, which includes share scrip and property deeds.

Was not there a personal guarantee of \$25,000?—\$20,000; not \$25,000.

Does that, with the total guarantee, amount to \$50,000?—Yes.

THREE GUARANTORS.

In addition to that personal guarantee of yours, did you not have three guarantors?—These three guarantors are included in this \$50,000.

What was your personal liability in the guarantee?—Nothing at all. Others guarantee me.

It was important to you to see that your responsibility to the Company was discharged at due time?—Quite right.

And it was therefore not without interest to you to see that the auditors were able to see the books before your duty is discharged, to the extent of such liabilities as were in fact discharged by you?—There is no question about this at all, because I entered into an agreement with the Manager and what was carried out under that agreement was between the Manager and myself; nothing to do with the auditors at all.

I want that agreement that you say you entered with the manager. —That was shown to you yesterday.

Was that entered into between you and Atherley?

Witness was shown two agreements, and he said:—This original one was entered into with the former manager. This supplementary one was entered into with Mr. Atherley.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—The supplementary one, was it not in fact entered into on the 3rd day of October, 1922?—Yes.

And that was after the determination of your first agreement, which I think was for a period of three years?—Yes, that is right.

And all this agreement does is to extend the terms and conditions of your previous agreement?—Yes, that is so.

With this exception, that whereas the former was for a stated period, that second one was determinable within two or three months?—Yes. This first agreement was entered into with the former Manager. Since the arrival of Mr. Atherley, this one was still in force.

Am I not right in saying that every time the contract you guaranteed was liquidated, it was of the utmost importance to you to see that the Company knew you had discharged your liabilities under it?—Yes, that is quite true, as between myself and the Manager.

Will you for the moment—we have had enough of this "myself and the Manager" in the course of the case—will you for the moment contain yourself to answering my questions? You had an interest in this?—Yes.

Now, Mr. Chau, was the essential method of proving such discharge by showing the auditors in the proper books that you had in fact discharged your liabilities by paying into the Bank?—That is not so in this case.

You told my Lord and the jury yesterday—your Lordship will correct me if I am wrong—your Lordship told me that the way you discharged your responsibility was by paying into the Bank to their credit?—I say it is essential for me to pay into the Bank to discharge my responsibility. As far as the auditor is concerned, I have nothing to do.

You know that the only way the Company would know that you discharged your liability was to audit your books?—Ever since the auditors took to auditing the books he had never had a word with me. I only dealt with the Manager himself.

EMBEZZLEMENT CASE.

A CHINESE CHARGED.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Wu Tong, was charged with converting to his own use the sum of \$672 belonging to the H. P. Wo firm.

Evidence given showed that the manager of the firm had left Hongkong for a time because he was suffering from beriberi. At that time the value of the furniture in the shop was estimated at \$3,780. When the manager returned he found that the furniture had been disposed of at less than half its value and that the shop had been converted into a tea-house. Money for furniture had been handed to the defendant by Lui Yee Ka, salesman of the Tai Cheung furniture shop, and by Lau Tat Choi, salesman of the Wing Hing furniture shop. It was alleged that the defendant converted some of this money to his own use, using the remainder to carry on the ordinary business of the shop he was in charge of.

Defendant admitted that he converted \$200 to his own use.

Mr. L. R. Andrews (Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Masters) prosecuting decided, on His Worship's suggestion, to reduce the amount involved in the charge to \$200.

Later, however, as Mr. Andrews remarked that his client was anxious to recover the furniture, although they did not want to press for a heavy penalty on defendant, the original charge was proceeded with.

After hearing further evidence, His Worship adjourned the case until Friday afternoon.

RUBBER PRICES.

BETTER ANGLO-AMERICAN FEELING.

New York, Jan. 4.

With regard to a statement published by Sir Robert Horne in London giving his views on the prices of rubber, the *New York Times* considers it most timely and calculated to allay the vestiges of the temporary ill-feeling in both countries. The paper says that the excitement which temporarily raged around the high price was from the first artificial and quite unnecessary. Mr. Hoover has hastened to do his best to correct the unfortunate effects of his first utterance. The early exaggerations were hollow and could not bear the weight of trade statistics. It would seem that even Congress was ready to consider the question on the basis of truth and reason.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DISARMAMENT VOTE.

AMERICA NOT DEFINITELY COMMITTED.

Washington, Jan. 4.

President Coolidge has asked Congress to appropriate \$50,000 for the expenses of American representation at the preliminary disarmament discussions in Geneva. He declares that the representation will not involve any attitude by the Government or any commitment to attend a similar future conference.—*Reuter's American Service.*

RUMANIAN THRONE.

PRINCE MICHAEL AS HEIR.

Bucharest, Jan. 4.

The National Assembly, by 234 votes to 3, ratified Prince Carol's renunciation of his succession rights and recognised Prince Michael as Heir. A Provisional Regency Bill was passed creating a Council composed of Prince Nicolas, the Orthodox Patriarch and the first President of the Court of Cassation. Prince Carol has also waived his parently authority over Prince Michael.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH FLOODS.

REPORTS OF VERY HEAVY DAMAGE.

THE OISE RISING.

Paris, Jan. 4.

The likelihood of continued rain is causing the utmost anxiety. Already the Oise has begun to rise, including the floods of 1910 and 1920, having risen nearly 10 feet. The triangle between Creil, Beauvais and Noyon is almost a sheet of water. Trains on the main line to Belgium are obliged to slow down for many miles, while sometimes the floors of the carriages are swamped.

Villages in the flooded area are being hurriedly evacuated, household goods being transported on rafts.

The flooding of the water works at Compiègne has resulted in a limited supply of drinking water, with rationing from barracks.

The rise of the Aisne has flooded many streets in Soissons. A train between Caen and Saint Lo was abandoned after the passengers had been rescued.

A child was killed and three persons were injured as a result of a collapse of a bridge at Caen, which is very badly damaged. Some estimates put the damage at twenty million francs.

The rise of the Meuse has converted the streets of Metziers into rushing torrents. It is feared that twenty thousand workers in the Meuse valley will be rendered idle for three weeks in consequence of the flooding of the factories.—*Reuter.*

POSITION IN HOLLAND.

Amsterdam, Jan. 4.

The water has fallen a yard below yesterday's highest level at Maestricht, so that trains to Liege and the northern parts of Holland are running, but not for public traffic.

Their Majesties in the morning viewed the damage at Maestricht where many homeless people are sheltered in military barracks at Shertogenbosch. In view of the extent of the disaster it is remarkable that hitherto there have been no fatalities, although two women have been driven insane as the result of anxiety and distress.—*Reuter.*

A ROYAL SUBSCRIPTION.

Brussels, Jan. 4.

Their Majesties to-day paid a lengthy visit to the inundated regions around Namur and Dinant. The situation in the Liege, Namur and Brussels districts has greatly improved but the position in the low lying districts, notably the Waes area, has worsened.—*Reuter.*

Their Majesties have subscribed two million francs to the national fund for the victims of the floods, comprising the money presented to them on the occasion of their silver wedding last year, plus a personal gift of one hundred thousand francs.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE TROOPS.

WITHDRAWAL FROM MANCHURIA.

Tokyo, Jan. 5.

The War Department announces that the remaining reinforcements which were sent to Manchuria last month, are being withdrawn on Thursday or Friday, when they will leave for Japan. The War Department also announces that Chang Tso-lin and his son have sent messages to the Kwangtung Japanese authorities regretting that the recent disturbances threatened Japanese lives and property.—*Reuter.*

SERIOUS CHARGES.

SIR BASIL THOMSON IN COURT.

London, Jan. 4.

A huge crowd besieged Marlborough Street Police Court, London, on the appearance of Sir Basil Thomson, late Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, in answer to two summonses, one accusing him of indecency with a woman in Hyde Park, and the other requiring him to show cause why his recognisances of £5 should not be forfeited for his non-appearance in court on the day named in the original summonses.

A policeman gave evidence that after the arrest the accused told him he was Sir Basil Thomson and if his friends knew about this he would be ruined. Subsequently the policeman alleged that accused said that if witness overlooked the matter he could leave the police to-morrow, to which the policeman replied that accused should not tempt him, as "you know how impossible it is for me to let you go. The Police is my sole means of existence."

Counsel for the prosecution said that accused at the Police Station, where an Inspector recognised him, asked that his name be entered as Hugh Thomson. He was released on £5 bail but failed to appear in Court. Subsequently he wrote explaining that he went to Bow Street by mistake. Accused appeared at Marlborough Street on December 16 for the service of the summons. The woman, who was a young pantomime artist, was arrested and fined on Dec. 22nd.

The case was adjourned.—*Reuter.*

HUNGARIAN PRINCE ARRESTED.

Budapest, Jan. 4.

The circulation at the Hague of a quantity of forged thousand franc French banknotes, apparently produced in Hungary, led to the arrest of two Hungarians in Holland, also the arrest here of the private secretary and valet of Prince Louis Windischgratz, who is an ex-minister of Supplies.

A further sensation has now been caused by the arrest of the Prince himself, who is a Privy Councillor and member of one of the most distinguished families in Central Europe. According to a cautiously worded official statement, the forgeries were executed not for reasons of personal gain but on assumed patriotic grounds. The Minister of the Interior has ordered the interrogation of certain officials of the State map printing offices.—*Reuter.*

"PATRIOTIC" FORGERY.

SAMOAN HURRICANE.

Pago Pago, (Samoa), Jan. 4.

A fierce hurricane did widespread damage to American Samos last week, but hitherto no casualties have been reported. Houses were unroofed and great trees which were uprooted from the mountains slid down into the villages and valleys. Many landslides have blocked the roads.—*Reuter.*

WIDESPREAD DAMAGE CAUSED.

BIG HOTEL FIRE IN JAPAN.

Nikko Hotel DESTROYED.

A Nichi Nichi special message reports that fire destroyed the Nikko Hotel last night causing confusion as it was crowded with tourists from the Upper Belgeland. There were no casualties but the loss is estimated at half a million yen.—*Reuter.*

BANDIT RAID SENSATION.

DISARM TROOPS AND RANSACK SILK SHOPS.

TWO MILLION DOLLAR HAUL.

A gigantic robbery by bandits is reported from Yung Koo city, the centre of the silk industry in Kwangtung, which resulted in the loss of nearly two million dollars worth of silk to merchants there.

Three hundred bandits entered the city, raided the depleted headquarters of the troops, disarmed them and donned their uniforms, and, whilst some kept watch, others raided thirty-four silk shops, pulled down the dividing walls between each and eventually made off with about two million dollars worth of silk.

The shops were near the waterfront and the bandits escaped in launches with their booty.

There are over ten large silk filatures in Yung Koo, and it was supposed to be well guarded by two battalions of General Li Fook-lum's forces which are in close touch with other defence posts. In addition, it was the field headquarters of General Li in his campaign against the brigands in the West River delta. But it so happened that at the time most of the troops were in pursuit of scattered gangs of bandits, and there were only three companies guarding this important silk centre, when over three hundred bandits, dressed in the ordinary attire of country people, entered the town unaware, and, at a given signal, made a sudden attack on the field headquarters. The troops were forcibly relieved of their arms and confined in their barracks.

Then the robbers adopted totally different tactics. Most of the brigands donned the uniforms of the troops and proceeded to take up stations outside of the city and at the important points inside the city. The People's Volunteers, on hearing the alarm, came to the assistance of the town, but were told by the bandits, disguised as

soldiers, that nothing serious had happened and that they are only carrying out secret orders to disarm the troops stationed in the district. The People's Volunteers, seeing that everything was quiet and that there was no appearance of any robbery being committed, retired back to their village homes.

In the meantime, a party of bandits took possession of a large silk shop and closed all exits. Wholesale robberies were then carried out by opening the partition walls from house to house until by midnight the dividing walls of the whole block of thirty-four houses were opened up and the contents of the buildings removed. The end of the block was close on the river bank, and at a given signal, launches came alongside the block of houses, and the booty from the thirty-four shops was shipped on board, and the launches cleared off, with all the bandits.

During the whole time of the robbery the inhabitants were confined in their houses, so that no further alarm could be given. It is estimated that the losses come to close on two million dollars.

THE HOTEL FIRE.

EIGHTY ROOMS DESTROYED.

A visit to the Hongkong Hotel this morning shows much activity on the part of the management and staff to rehabilitate the hotel services as much as possible.

There are already over 80 rooms in actual occupation and it is confidently estimated that after the anxiety survey has been completed, and when the rooms have dried, something like 60 rooms in all will be available for use. The number put definitely out of all possible use is just over 80.

Furniture and fittings are being got together for the habitable rooms not yet re-equipped, and during the course of the present week there will be a large increase in the amount of accommodation available.

The kitchen services have been left absolutely intact and the Hotel is just as able to cater as ever it was. With the dining room and roof garden untouched, the Hongkong Hotel will continue to be the Colony's main social centre, dancing nightly being possible.

Yesterday afternoon a police investigation was carried out and several of the staff, including the lift boys, were examined at the Central Headquarters. The official police report is not yet completed.

ATHENS, Jan. 4.

The Commander of each barracks has announced that a Dictatorship has been proclaimed and that all must contribute to the task undertaken by the army for the nation's good. The statement concluded: "On your bayonets only does the establishment of a Dictatorship depend."—*Reuter.*

PARIS, Jan. 4.

M. Doumer has conferred with the Minister of Finance from Belgium on the methods of consolidation of the Yugo-Slav debt to France.—*Reuter.*

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ATHERLEY CASE.

COMPRADORE'S EVIDENCE.

The Atherley case was continued at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon.

Chau King-yan, the compradore to Messrs. Getz Brothers was called. He produced his agreement with the firm. He said he became compradore to the firm in Hongkong in 1921. Under the various paragraphs of his agreement members of the compradore's staff were to be regarded as employees of the company. His responsibility as compradore was to collect all outstanding accounts and debts due to the firm. He was bound to hand over all monies so collected to the company. When called upon he was bound to produce all his books, both English and Chinese.

Mrs. Atherley became manager in 1922. Questioned as to the method of collecting monies due, witness said he was given invoices and promissory notes by the manager and thus knew what to collect. Up to March, 1924, he paid into the bank for the firm all monies he received. The procedure then altered, he being instructed by prisoner that he was to hold all monies collected and pay to the manager. Witness passed on this instruction to his staff.

English or Chinese.

Cross-examined, witness was asked why he did not give his evidence in English. He said it was not good enough. Counsel said he understood witness spoke very good English. Witness admitted that he carried on business discussions with the prisoner in English and had corresponded in that language. But his letters had been corrected by the prisoner. He added that he was a Chinese and thought it best to give his evidence in Chinese.

His Lordship: Does that mean because you are Chinese or because your English is not good enough?

Witness replied that he thought he had not enough English. Further replying to Mr. Zeitlyn, he said under his contract he had to be responsible for contracts with the firm and to guarantee them.

Contracts He Guaranteed.

Mr. Zeitlyn: The charges in this case arise out of contracts which you have guaranteed?—I don't know exactly whether they arise from contracts which I guaranteed.

Well, let us take them specifically. Did you guarantee the Sui Yick contract and the Bluebird, Wing On, Chan Yuen, Kwong Wah, Po Wo and Tak Tai contracts?—Yes.

Then these charges do arise out of contracts which you guaranteed. You would see about the money for these contracts?—Yes, I am responsible for these contracts.

Did you keep the company's paying in book?—Yes.

Each payment into the bank was to that extent a discharge of your indebtedness to the company under the contracts which you guaranteed?—Yes.

Witness denied that the counter-foil portion of the bank paying in books were kept by him in his office.

This represents the discharge of your liabilities and you seriously say that it was not kept by you?—It is the property of the company. I have another book in which is entered the amounts paid in, which discharge my liability.

Further questioned, witness said he had "turned down" contracts by refusing to guarantee them. He did so because he was not satisfied that the credit of the companies in question was good.

The case was adjourned at this stage until this morning.

A DICTATOR FOR GREECE.

THE PREMIER'S SENSATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Athens, Jan. 4.

The announcement by the Premier, General Pangalos, that he is assuming entire responsibility for the country, was made at a banquet by officers of the republican guard and evoked demonstrations of enthusiasm, which were renewed by the guard during a parade in the streets in the evening. M. Pangalos said that what he was preparing was based solely on the armed forces.

Pangalos has been Premier since June when he organized a coup d'etat in the army and compelled the resignation of the Michalakopoulos Government. He was largely instrumental in the events leading to the deposition of King George II in 1923 and the establishment of a republic. He presided over the court martial in 1922 which ordered the execution of ex-Premier Gounaris and three other ex-Ministers on the charge of responsibility for the overwhelming defeat of the Greeks by the Turks in Asia Minor. There has been much speculation recently regarding the possibility of the return of the ex-King to the throne.—*Reuter.*

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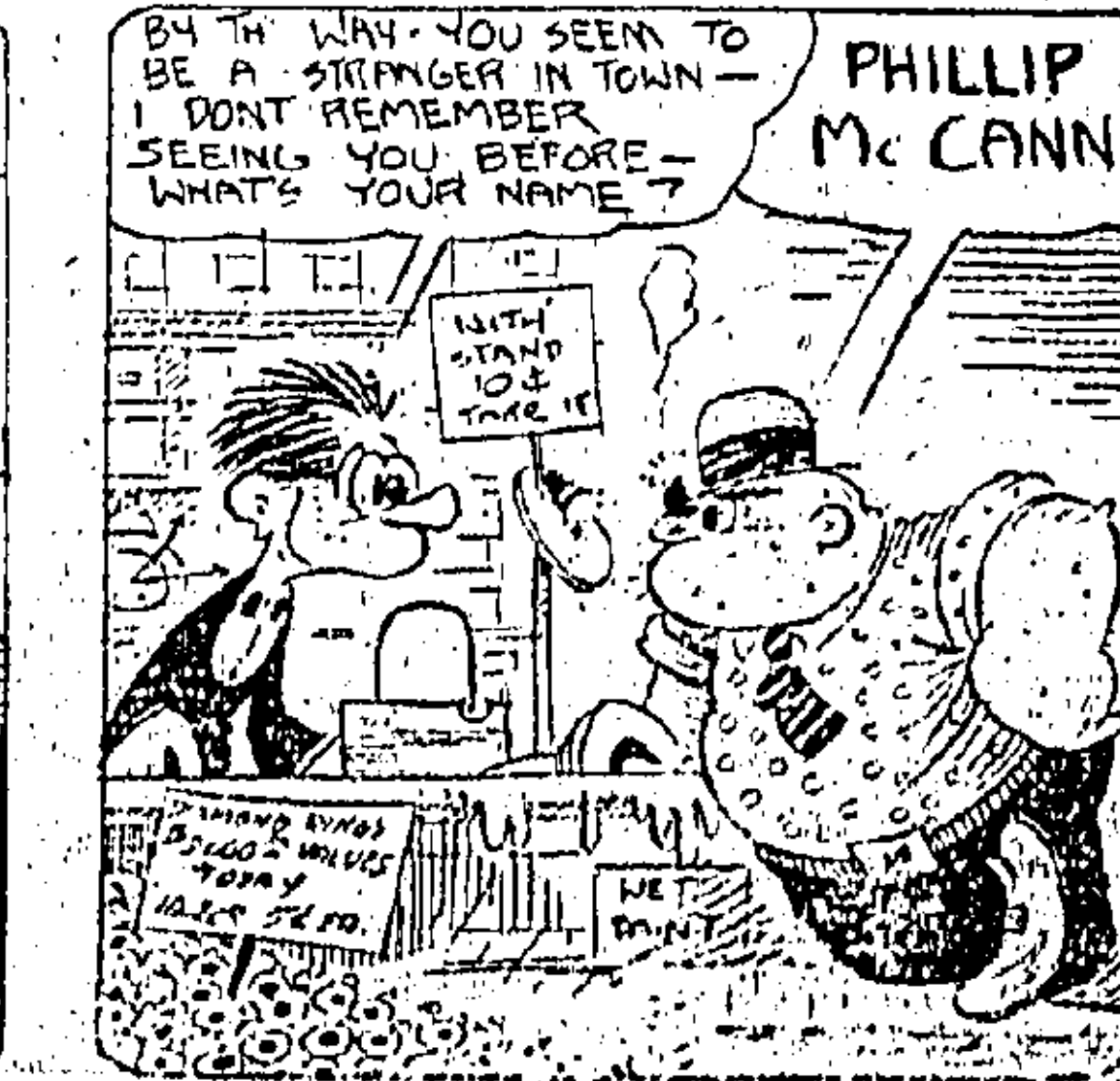
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Group Picture of Hongkong Chinese Taken at Wembley.



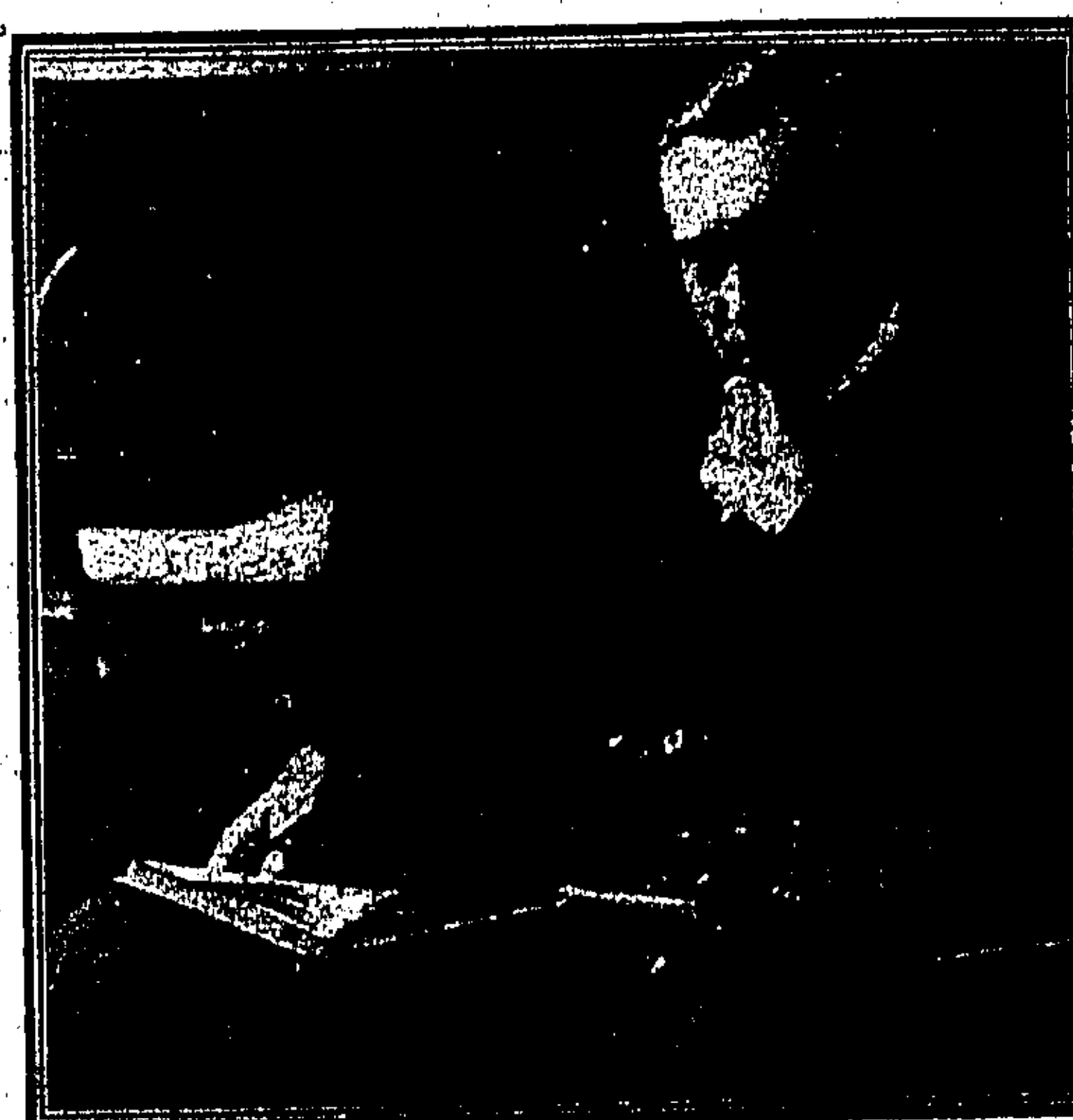
Both last year and this, Hongkong has held a pavilion at Wembley where visitors could for a brief spell imagine themselves in one of the streets of this Empire possession. Above is a group of some of the Hongkong contingent, taken before their departure for the East, on the closing of the Empire Exhibition at the end of October.

Huntsman Wins His Pink.



The Shanghai Paper Hunt Club's third hunt of the season was won by Mr. G. Pollock riding Pitch and Toss. The lucky winner is the centre here of a group of congratulatory friends.

Author of New Novel.



Mr. Vorne Dyson, well-known in Shanghai for his literary ventures, has produced his first novel, which is entitled "Black Cloth," woven round an attempt to apply efficiency methods to a Los Angeles church.

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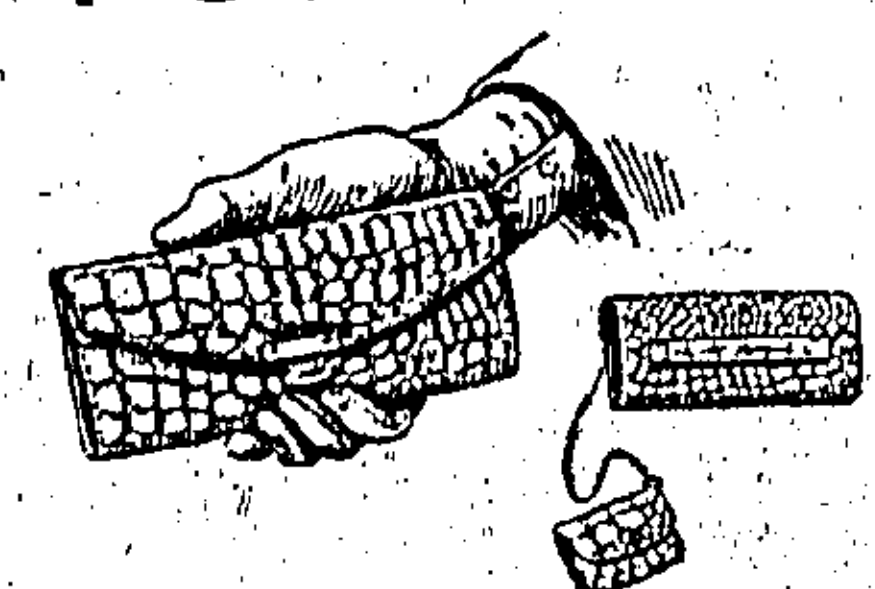
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NOTICE.

U. S. R. C.

The Annual Handicap Tennis
Tournament, open to Members
and Subscribers only, will com-
mence at the above Club on Mon-
day the 18th January 1926.

The following will be played:—
I. Mixed Doubles Handicap.
II. Men's " "
III. Men's Singles " "
IV. Ladies Doubles " "
V. Ladies Singles " "

All those wishing to enter for
the above should send their names
to the Hon. Secretary or enter
them on the list which will be
on the Notice Boards in the Club
House by 4 p.m. on Wednesday
the 13th January 1926. Dates by
which rounds are to be completed
will be notified in due course.

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the Power of Attorney dated 8th
October, 1925, made by us in
favour of Mr. Rolf John on has
to-day been cancelled.

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31st December, 1925.

NOTICE.

"The Kowloon Cricket
Club Dance."

Members are reminded that the
Second Dance of the Season is to
be held on Friday, the 8th inst.,
as previously arranged. Dancing
to commence at 8.30 p.m. on the
Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden.

Tickets may be had on applica-
tion to the undersigned.

S. F. GREEN,

Hon. Secretary.

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and Section D of Inland
Lot No. 152A

Together with the messuages erec-
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To Be Sold

In One Lot

PUBLIC AUCTION,

on TUESDAY,

the 12th day of January, 1926, at
3 o'clock p.m., at the China Auc-
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toria, Hongkong,

by
Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA.

The properties consist of:—

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ground situate at Victoria in the
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of Inland Lot No. 152A with the
messuages erections and buildings
thereon known as Nos. 9 and 11,
Prince's Terrace, Victoria, Hong-
kong. The properties are held for
the unexpired residues of the
respective terms of 924 years from
the 22nd day of January, 1919, and
999 years from the 25th day of
June, 1849, created by an Indenture
of Extension dated the 3rd day of
November, 1849, and made between
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and by an Indenture of Crown
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&c.

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7th " " 19th " "
12th " " 21st " "

DINNER DANCE

9th January, 1926.

16th " "

Further announcements to follow.

Bookings for the Dinner Dances can be made at the
Reception Office.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have re-
ceived instructions to sell
by Public Auction on
Wednesday, the 6th Jan. 1926,
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A Quantity of Ladies Dress
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Comprising:—
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THE Undersigned have received
instructions to sell by
Public Auction on
Monday, the 11th Jan. 1926,

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at Godown No. 18, The Hong-
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A Large Quantity of
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so that they may enjoy to the full
extent the magnificent and beauti-
ful sights which our Colony can
offer.

MORE WORLD
TOURISTS.

"BELGENLAND" SOON DUE
HERE.

Hongkong will be visited this
year by no fewer than six large
steamers, carrying hundreds of
wealthy tourists on their travels
around the world, and of the six,
perhaps the most popular, as far
as Hongkong is concerned, will be
the gigantic Red Star liner, s.s.
Belgenland, which, for the second
time in her short career, will visit
the Colony on January 21.

She not only holds the record of
being the largest steamer to enter
Hongkong harbour and the largest
steamer to have crossed the
Pacific, but also the largest steamer
to have completely circled the
globe.

Last year when the Belgenland
visited Hongkong, great interest
was aroused by residents of the
Colony and travellers from other
parts of the world temporarily
residing here in seeing and if
possible going aboard the ninth
largest steamer in the world. All
who went over the ship were
amazed at the lavishness of her
wonderful fittings and accommoda-
tions, the interior resembling
closely a huge modern hotel.

The vessel with its 27,200 tons
gross, is carrying on this cruise
more than 400 passengers. The
present cruise, like last year, is
under the management of the Red
Star Line, owners of the ship, in
co-operation with the American
Express Company, which has charge
of all shore arrangements.

The big ship is due to reach
Shanghai on January 15 and will
remain there until January 18.
She will then proceed to Hongkong
where she will be from January 21
until January 25.

As a matter of course, on a
cruise for which tickets cost as
much as \$35,000 (gold) each, there
will be a liberal representation of
millions of the passenger list
of the Belgenland, and all her pas-
sengers, whether in the millionaire
class or not, will be liberally
supplied with cash, and doubtless
ready to spend it freely in buying
souvenirs of travel.

This means that the shop-
keepers in Hongkong should profit
by the cruise ship's stay in port.
Not a passenger of the 475 brought
to China by the Belgenland last
winter departed without making
substantial purchases of silks,
carvings, furniture, curios, jewellery,
and other Chinese goods, and
it is not anticipated that this
winter's party on the Belgenland
will be less liberal buyers than her
passengers of last winter.

The ship herself is an oil burner
of 697 feet in length and 78 feet
in breadth, and is engaged in the
summer. Trans-Atlantic travel
between New York and Europe.
She is an international ship in the
broadest sense. Designed and
built at Belfast (completed in
1923) the Belgenland is owned by
American stockholders of the
International Mercantile Marine
Company with headquarters in
New York, and is operated by the
Red Star Line, the principal steam-
ship organization operating between
the United States and Belgium.
She flies the British flag but her
home port is Antwerp and she is
managed from New York.

The Belgenland's commander,
Captain John Bradshaw, is an
American citizen, her officers are
chiefly English and her stewards
and chefs are English or Belgian.

She carries a total crew of 601
persons, of whom 40 are women,
including stewardesses, hair-
dressers, nurses, maids and
laundresses. Two surgeons and a
dentist, a physical director in
charge of the gymnasium, a cruise
director and his staff of 15 men,
a master of ceremonies, an educa-
tional director and lecturer, two
pursers, two bandmasters, an editor
for the ship's daily paper, three
printers and a minister of the
gospel are also included in the
ship's personnel. The kitchen and
dining room staff total 325 men.

In her deck arrangement the ship
is ideal for cruising. Her pro-
menade deck is enclosed with
panels of glass that can be readily
lowered to a point permitting a
clear view of the sea from one's
sternmost chair, the space available
for chairs being unusually broad.

At night this deck is frequently
used as a ballroom, and when
decorated with multi-coloured
electric globes and flags, presents
a charming appearance. A feature
of the upper deck is a space for
sports, of generous proportions,
where deck tennis, golf, shuffle-
board and other games are played.
Other features of the vessel, photo-
graphs of which are among the
relating directly to recreation are
(Continued on Previous Column)

MURDER OF GENERAL
KUO.

MUKDEN GOVERNOR'S
REGRETS.

Mukden, Dec. 27.—Mr. Wang
Ying-kang, civil governor of Muk-
den, in an interview with a
Mainichi correspondent, expressed
regret at the barbarous way in
which General Kuo Sung-shin and
his wife were killed.

He said:—
"Some persons express congratu-
lations to us now that the rebellion
by General Kuo Sung-shin has been
put down, but the present is not
yet a time for congratulations.
There are defeated soldiers scatter-
ed about everywhere. Then the
National Army has occupied
Tientsin. We must delimit the area
of warfare and repair railways.
There are many other urgent mili-
tary and civil matters to dispose of.

The declaration of policy issued
by Marshal Chang Tso-lin on De-
cember 16 was written by myself
according to my ideas of govern-
ment. If the government of Three
Eastern Provinces is not to be con-
ducted according to my ideas, I
shall resign from my position as
civil governor, although I realize
that I cannot resign at once in
view of the difficult situation of
our country.

"Another thing to be remem-
bered is that the rebellion this time
was put down by the old school of
militarists. We should be prepared
to be tormented by militarists
by their boastsfulness.

"Japan's diplomatic policy and
the steps she has taken were gener-
ally proper. There has been an
opposition expressed to the Japan-
ese steps by the provincial assem-
bly and the Chamber of Commerce.
The way in which the Japanese
gendarmes and police evacuated
the city of Mukden, as soon as it
became plain that the war would
end soon, was indeed praiseworthy.
By it the misunderstandings have
all been removed.

"I have a firm idea to reform
the administrative policy hitherto
employed, although the foreign
policy will not be changed. I
wish that this policy will not be
misunderstood by Japan.

"I was strongly opposed to the
way General Kuo and his wife were
disposed of. At first, some persons
advocated cutting off his ears and
nose and taking his heart out as
punishment. I had an order issued
to prohibit such barbarity and
he was to have been punished ac-
cording to law. But in no time
he and his wife were murdered and
their bodies shamefully mutilated.
I am ashamed of those who have
perpetrated the deed."

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL.

YESTERDAY'S LEAGUE

RESULTS.

London, Jan. 4.

Matches played in the First

Division of the Scottish League

to-day resulted as follows:—

Aberdeen	3	Queen's Park	1
Airdrie	3	Cowdenbeath	2
Celtic	3	Partick	0
Dundee Un.	0	Dundee	1
Hibernians	0	St. Johnstone	3
Kilmarnock	4	Hamilton	1
Motherwell	4	Morton	1
Rangers	3	Clydebank	1
Raith	1	Hearts	3
St. Mirren	2	Falkirk	0

—Reuter.

Scottish League

Celtic	22	15	4	3	56	19	34
Airdrie	23	14	2	7	58	32	30
Motherwell	24	12	6	6	44	28	30
St. Mirren	24	13	4				

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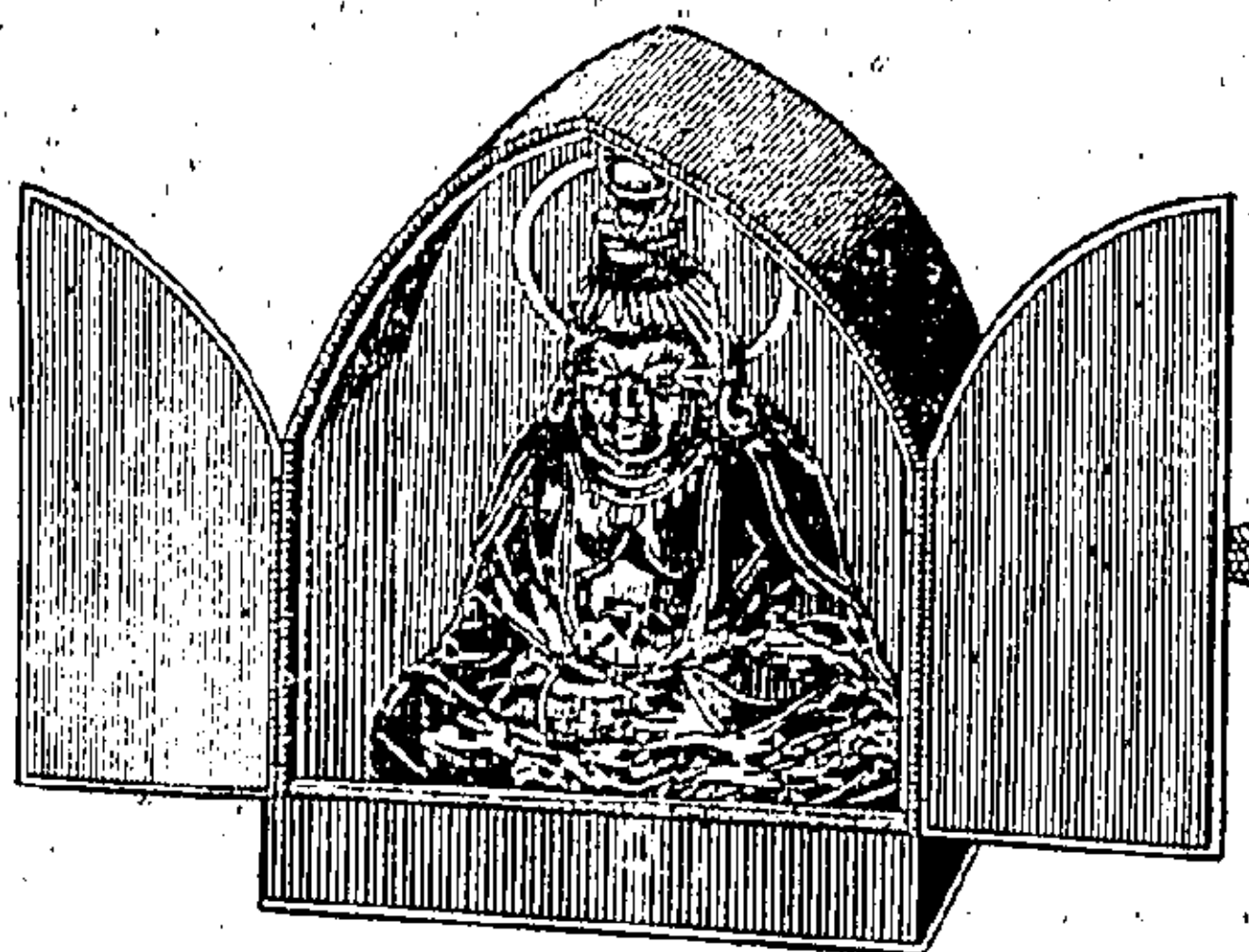
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HONGKONG'S NEW KNIGHT.

THE CAREER OF SIR SHOU-SON CHOW.

Mandarin, Consul and Merchant.

Mr. Chow Cheong-ling, or, as he is known to his Hongkong friends, the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son, now knighted, was born in Hongkong 65 years ago. After his early education in China, he was sent by the Chinese Government in 1873 to America, where, after several years, he entered the Columbia University, New York, as one of the Government students. On returning to his native land he received, in 1881, a Government appointment on a deputation to Korea to assist in the establishment of Korean Customs. He remained in this service for about 10 years; after which he was transferred by Yuan Shih-kai, late President of China, to the Consular service. At that time Yuan was the Minister Resident in Korea, and held that post with Mr. Chow as one of his assistants, until the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese War.

Mr. Chow then left for China, and after occupying various official positions, he became managing director of the China Steam Navigation Company in Tientsin. He held that post for a number of years, and was then appointed managing director of the Peking-Mukden Railway. For four years he was in this highly responsible position, and on his relinquishing it he was the recipient of a most gratifying testimonial from the European staff, acknowledging in the highest terms the services he had rendered. This was a rare distinction, only one other such instance having been known.

Customs Taotai.

Afterwards, Sir Shou-son Chow was sent to Newchwang in the capacity of Customs Taotai. This is a position involving many official duties besides those directly connected with the Customs service. He was responsible for a territory of several hundred square miles, and had control of all foreign intercourse there. For three and a half years he served in this district, which lies between Shanhaikwan (Great Wall) and Hain Min Fu, on the Liao River. Then he was recalled by Prince Ching, and given the appointment of Councillor or secretary of the Foreign Office in Peking. He was later offered the high position of Minister to one of the European countries, but this he declined, feeling that he needed a rest after many years of strenuous work.

During this time the Revolution broke out, and Sir Shou-son returned to Hongkong. Since then he has been associated in business enterprises with the late Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak and others. He is proud of the fact that he was asked to return to Peking and resume official work. Sir Shou-son is the owner of very considerable property, both in the north and the south of China.

As the representative of the Viceroy at Mukden and senior official at Newchwang, Sir Shou-son entertained the late Earl Kitchener when his Lordship visited the battlefields of Manchuria after the Russo-Japanese war. In a picture which he has, Sir Shou-son may be seen on the deck of a steamer engaged in conversation with Earl Kitchener.

Sir Shou-son is a member of the North British Academy of Arts, Literature, Science and Music, and also a member of the Society for the Encouragement of

HONGKONG TRADE.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

Featureless Markets.

The Chamber of Commerce fortnightly report states:

Cotton piece goods and fancy goods.—There is nothing of importance to report and market is featureless. Both Eg. Sakel and Mid. Am. Cotton have moved upwards from lowest level touched and are quoted 17.40d. and 10.38d. respectively.

Cotton Yarn.—Market continues lifeless, with dealers taking no interest in business. Prices show a downward tendency. Arrivals nil. Shipments nil. Sales nil. Unsold stock, 3,900 bales. Bargains 4,000 bales.

Wollens.—No change. Market dead.

Raw Cottons.—No business to report.

Metals.—Business continues dull, with no enquiry since last report.

Flour Market report.—Stock: About 350,000 sacks. Market: Steady and likely to advance on account of higher prices from America. Quotations: American Patent, \$4.40 per sack; American Straight, \$3.60 per sack; American Cut off, \$3.60 per sack; Shanghai Flour, \$3.60 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$3.60 per sack; Canadian Cut off, \$3.30 per sack.

Window glass.—Prices are on the low side and likely to advance shortly. Local stock below average.

Sugar.—Market quiet.

Saltpetre.—Buyers getting nervous owing to the news of heavy accumulation of unsold stock in Calcutta market.

Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, London.

In Business.

Sir Shou-son was made a Justice of the Peace, Hongkong, 1917, a member of the Court of University of Hongkong, 1921, and was appointed by the Government to the Sanitary Board, 1922. He was made an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council in 1921, and was Senior in 1922.

He served on the Executive Committee at the reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in 1922, was Associate Commissioner, British Empire Exhibition, for Hongkong Section, 1924. Other of his offices have been: District Watchmen Committee, 1917, Economic Resources Committee, 1920, Industrial Employment of Children Commission, 1921, Tung Wah Hospital Advisory Board, Dec., 1922, Po Lung Kuk Permanent Board of Directors, 1922, Authorized Architects Consulting Committee, 1922, Chinese Public Dispensary Committee, 1922, Chinese Permanent Cemetery Committee, 1922, Town Planning Committee, 1922, War Memorial Committee, Committee League of Fellowship, 1922, Society for Prevention of Cruelties to Animals Committee, 1922, Peace Celebration Committee, Chinese General Chamber of Commerce Committee, Joint Chamber of Commerce Telephone Committee, Pao On District Chamber of Commerce Committee.

In recent years he has been a Director of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company, Tack Shup Bank, Kai Tak Land Investment Company, Hongkong Realty and Trust Company, Ltd., and other Companies.

Sir Shou-son's Chinese decorations include the first and second grades of the Chia Ho. He also has the Japanese decoration, 4th Class of the Rising Sun.

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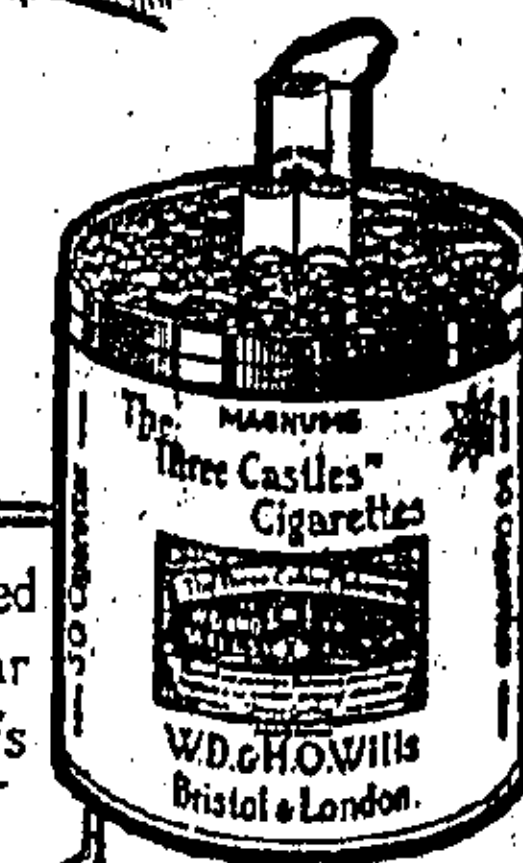
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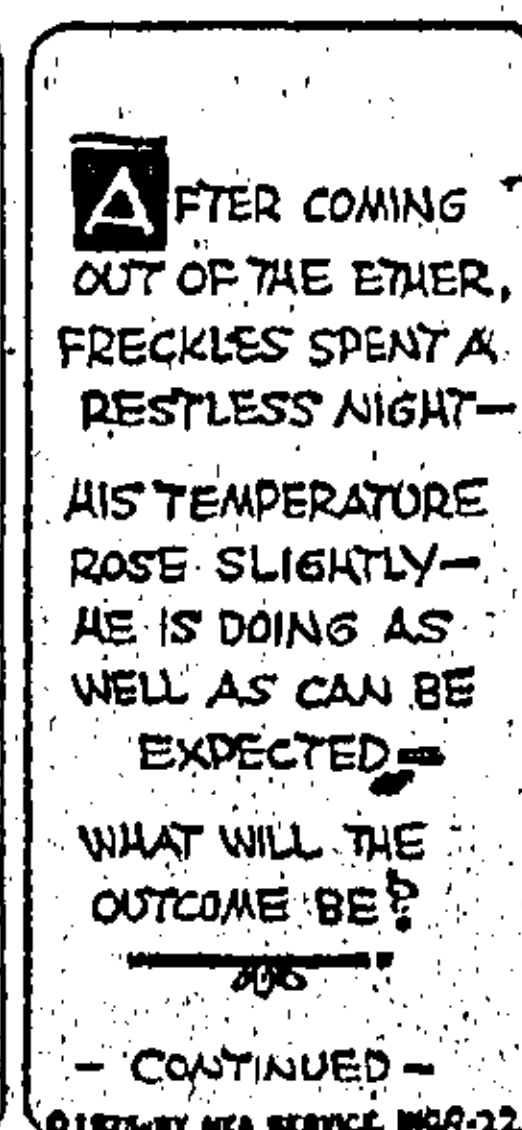
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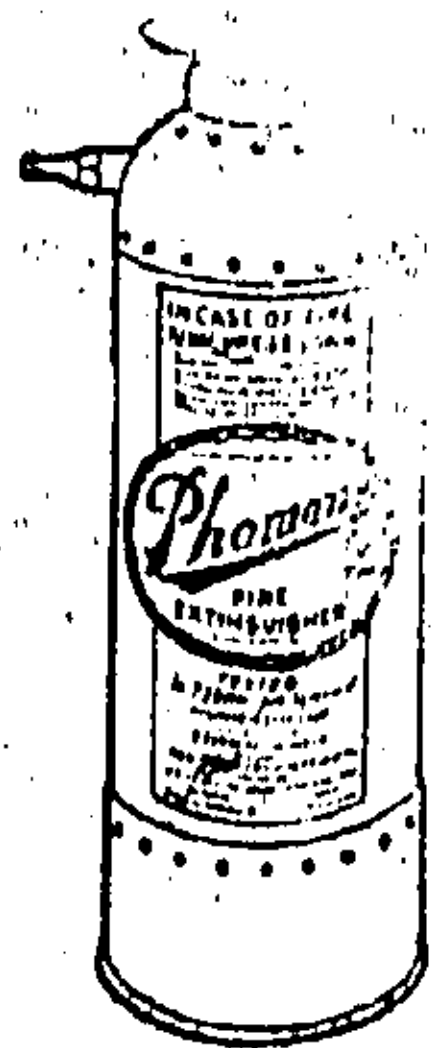
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TUESDAY, JAN. 5, 1926.

FIRE-FIGHTING
QUERIES.

Inasmuch as we are all supposed to learn by experience, it would be a pity if this Colony did not learn some of the major lessons which, obviously, are to be drawn from the disastrous fire which gutted the main portion of the Hongkong Hotel on New Year's Day. It is easy to be wise after an event, but it is quite another thing to take advantage of that wisdom, and we essay comment on the fire in the hope that action will be taken to render as unlikely as possible a repetition of so costly a blaze in any part of the City. First and foremost, is the fact that the fire-fighting equipment in the Hongkong Hotel was insufficient to cope with a blaze on the fifth floor owing to lack of water pressure. This raises the very big question as to whether any of the Colony's high buildings have internal equipment to give a fire-fighting force of water on top floors, because reliance on pressure in street mains is unscientific as well as highly problematical. Supposing the whole of the Fire Brigade is away at Shaikwan attending to an outbreak and a fire starts on the top floor of one of our high buildings, is there a fire pump in that building to give a force of water up top? That is a cogent question, because it was in the absence of some such pump that the fire on the fifth floor of the Hongkong Hotel was out of the reach of the pipes and hose installed in the building. It is not much use putting in pipes and rolls of hose unless an effective force of water is also provided. Street mains have not sufficient power, even when on full supply.

The size of Hongkong's Fire Brigade is also brought into question, although we hasten to express admiration for the titanic work performed by Superintendent Brooke and his staff. Are four motor engines enough for the Hongkong side of the harbour? And would it not be better if there were some more Europeans in the force—men able to speak Chinese and control and direct the work of the Chinese firemen? Are there enough Chinese firemen and is

the pay they get sufficiently attractive to bring in the best type of man and make him a keen fire-fighter? These questions are very pertinent after some of the incidents which were witnessed on Friday. The engine equipment seemed efficient even if inadequate and, when everything was fully in action, the Hotel was deluged with water, but if the Hotel had not been near the waterfront the whole of it would undoubtedly have been gutted.

We fully believe that one of the contributory causes to the spread of the fire was the fact that the Brigade was not summoned as soon as the first little outbreak was noticed. There was too much delay in that regard, and it is a little unfair on the Brigade for people to complain of its work. The Brigade arrived at a time when the fire had obtained a big hold on the ceiling of the top floor—actually, between the ceiling and the roof, at a most inaccessible spot. People are rightly asking what was wrong with the water pressure off the mains, although it might well be that the pressure was quite normal and can never at any time give an effective fire-fighting supply so high up. But we ought to have the question properly answered. And people are also asking many other questions which reveal a lack of confidence and trust in the Government's provision for fire control. We suggest that the whole of the Colony's fire brigade system needs investigating and improving—both in quantity of equipment, and quantity and quality of personnel. In company with this there is the question of water pressures and the necessity or desirability of large buildings each having individual fire pumps. The whole question ought to form the subject of an official enquiry, with the Government avowedly ready and willing to provide what is finally recommended. The matter is an urgent and important one on which we should be prepared to spend considerable money, if found necessary.

Hospital Matters.

The question of patients in Government hospitals having the advantage of being treated by their own medical practitioners is one which has been given considerable prominence locally in recent years. It was at first intended that this privilege should be extended in the case of the new Kowloon Hospital, a portion of which was to have been set aside as a nursing home, but, according to the latest Government declaration on the matter, difficulties of management and discipline are now considered to make such an arrangement impossible. It is interesting in this connection to note the conditions under which the Peak Hospital will now be run on its coming under the direct financial control as a purely Government institution. At this particular hospital, patients have the right to secure treatment by their own doctors, even although the nursing sisters are Government servants, whilst in the management of the institution an advisory committee of three "outside" medical practitioners, with the Principal Civil Medical Officer as ex-officio Chairman, will assist the Government. It is no doubt because of the conditions laid down by the donor of this hospital (Mr. J. E. Joseph) that this Government institution is being operated on lines differing from those relating to other Government hospitals, and this will serve to explain why "outside" doctors are permitted to attend patients on the Peak but not at the new Kowloon hospital. We can quite see that difficulties of discipline might arise in an institution where the staff is under the dual control of private practitioners and Government doctors, and it is presumably that fear which animates the authorities in placing the new Kowloon Hospital under full and absolute Government control.

DAY BY DAY.

EACH MORNING IS A FRESH BEGINNING. WE ARE, AS IT WERE, JUST BEGINNING LIFE. WE HAVE IT ENTIRELY IN OUR OWN HANDS. —R. W. Trice.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.7/16d.

The s.s. Benavon left Singapore on the 3rd instant, and is due here on the 10th.

The Hongkong Interport Rugby team returned from Shanghai by the s.s. President Hayes.

The Texas Company has issued a striking calendar advertising its well-known oil products.

The s.s. Hymettus, which left Singapore on the 4th instant, is due here on the morning of the 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Berg were amongst the passengers who returned by the s.s. President Hayes.

A pretty wall calendar, containing a coloured study of a tennis girl, has been issued by Messrs. C. E. Warren & Co., Ltd.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Lieut. Henry Buckle, of H. M. S. Titania, to Miss Eleanor Kate Bailey, residing at No. 4, Queen's Garden.

The Shanghai Exploration and Development Company's output for last month, according to a cable received by Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, was 22,200 tons.

The only case of notifiable disease reported for the four days ended on the 3rd instant was one occurrence of typhus fever, the sufferer being a Britisher from Kowloon.

December was a very dry month in Hongkong. Botanic Gardens returns show that there were slight falls of rain on three days, the total for the month being 0.29-inch.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts have received a cable from their Shanghai office to the effect that the Chenpedak Rubber and Gamber Estates, Ltd., has declared a dividend of 1s. 2 per share.

Mr. G. W. King, H. M. Coroner at Shanghai, on Dec. 31 held an inquest as to the death of Wallace Hengler Powell, who shot himself in the Burlington Hotel, Bubbling Well Road, on Christmas Eve. The Coroner returned a verdict of "suicide during temporary insanity."

Yesterday, we published an exceptionally large issue of the *Telegraph* in anticipation of a large demand for the excellent pictures of the Hongkong Hotel fire, and, as a result, a record number were sold. A few remaining copies may be obtained from this office.

No anti-foreign or anti-Christian demonstrations in our city were manifested during the Christmas holidays, writes a Kuching correspondent on Dec. 28, to the *N. C. Daily News*. The students from the Mission Boys and Girls schools issued more than 3,000 invitations to attend the pageants, amateur theatricals and moving pictures. The crowds not only came in good humour but behaved quietly and seemed to enjoy themselves. A number of shops had special sales of toys and Christmas cards. Santa Claus seems to have become a citizen of China as well as of other countries.

This is what the *Toronto Star* says of Mr. Walter Sinclair's latest production at the Hart House Theatre: "A theatrical event of outstanding importance is the fifth production at Hart House theatre, 'Turandot, Princess of China.' This tale from the 'Thousand and One Nights,' under the direction of Walter Sinclair, is being given a production which in its scope, its beauty, its acting and its interest is almost overwhelming. One looked for a pretentious spectacle pleasing to the eye but dull and insipid to the brain but in reality Walter Sinclair's show has a sustained interest every moment, arousing mental as well as emotional and visual exhilaration. Walter Sinclair comes from Hongkong. His first hand knowledge of the Orient must have helped him in this production but his achievement is greater than any mere question of geography. It definitely establishes Sinclair locally as a producer of the first rank."

ATHERLEY CASE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

charge of liability either from the Bank or from Mr. Atherley?—As long as I got a chit initialled by the Manager for the monies handed over to him, my responsibility finishes.

The Manager came to the Colony, started his duties in September, 1922?—Yes.

Did you not in November, 1922, lend Mr. Atherley monies?—I have a current account with the Manager. With such a lot of dealings, how can I remember it?

Very well, I accept your explanation of an account current. You have had that account since November, 1922?—What I mean by account current is that whenever the Manager wants some money he signs and hands me a slip, and when he pays me I show this also in the account. Is it not true that, since 1922, you have made advances to him of considerable sums?—That money belongs to the Company. Whenever he wants so much, I have had to give him so much.

WHOSE MONEY?

His Lordship:—Was it that the monies you advanced thus were the Company's monies or your own?

Witness:—My Lord, I did not know what he required the money for, but whenever he signed a chit and wanted so much money I had to give it to him.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—Yes, I understand that, Mr. Chau.

His Lordship:—So far as he knows, were the monies advanced to Mr. Atherley, monies belonging to him or monies belonging to the Company for the Company's use?—All the monies Mr. Atherley got from me were the Company's monies and for the purposes of the Company.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—When you advanced the money, did he give you an I.O.U.?—Sometimes an I.O.U. and sometimes merely his initials and saying "I require so much money."

Now Mr. Chau, I am going to invite you to go with me through this list of monies paid by you for the Company's purposes and with the Company's monies.

Mr. Zeitlyn proceeded to cross-examine witness in respect of a long list of accounts paid by him on Mr. Atherley's account, totalling over \$3,000 and all for personal items.

After detailing the opening items, Mr. Zeitlyn asked his Lordship whether he considered his voice to be louder than necessary.

His Lordship:—You must not confound the witness with Li Tai.

Mr. Zeitlyn (to the Comptroller):—I see you paid an account for \$6 odd to the Kowloon Dairy. Do you know whether that was milk for the baby or milk for the Company?

Witness:—I don't know what he required the milk for. (laughter.)

Do you think it was for the Company?—Mr. Atherley is the Manager, and whatever he O.K.'s I pay.

Lane, Crawford's account is \$195; do you know what that is for?—No.

Was it for a Christmas present for his wife?—I don't recall.

Here is an item, Donnelly and Whyte, \$82. Do you know whether that was for milk?—I think they sell wine.

Was it not for champagne?—Perhaps it was so.

Witness was cross-examined in regard to payments for a baby carriage, for ferry tickets, for a suitcase for the amah, for the quarterly payment on Mr. Atherley's life policy with the China Underwriters, and he said that except where it was obvious, he was not sure of the nature of the accounts.

Mr. Zeitlyn: I put it to you that all the money transactions between you and Atherley, throughout the period since he became manager, were advances made to him for these personal items on his personal security?—It is not true that they were all for his personal use.

WIFE'S PASSAGE.

You remember when Mrs. Atherley was leaving for the United States?—Yes.

Mr. Atherley asked you for a loan of \$1,500?—No.

Did you not ask him to wait until Wong came in?—No.

Did you not ask Wong to advance the money?—I asked Wong for nothing.

Did you not bring the money to Mr. Atherley in banknotes?—Yes.

As a loan?—No. If it was not a loan, what was it?—Mr. Atherley instructed me that when I collected money I was not to pay it into the Bank, as

he wanted the money for his wife's passage.

I put it to you that that is a false statement?—It is not.

I put it to you that he asked you to advance him the money and you subsequently did so?—It was not a loan. Atherley told me that the Company should pay his wife's passage.

What did you think about the \$1,500 when you paid it to him?—He asked me for it, he was the Manager, how could I refuse to give it to him?

Did you think his wife was a member of the Company?—I don't know. I do know that when the Manager asks me for money I have to give it to him.

Show me any written instruction to that effect.

Witness:—I refer you to my agreement.

Can you refer me to any paragraph in your agreement which instructs you to give money to the Manager whenever he wants it?—Yes.

Witness referred Mr. Zeitlyn to Clause "D" in the contract, which was to the effect that the Comptroller was required on demand of the Company to hand over all monies, bullion, goods, papers, etc., to the Company.

MANAGER'S MILK BILL.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—Do you suggest that that is an instruction to charge the Company for the manager's baby's milk or for his champagne?

His Lordship:—Do you regard that as an authority to you to advance money to the Manager to pay his milk bills?—It may not mean that.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—Is there any authority in your agreement to pay Mr. Atherley's milk bill?—He is the Company's representative and I have to pay any bill on which he puts his O.K.

Sir Henry Gollan:—I think that is sufficient. He says he regards his taipan's instruction as definite. He says he is bound to pay all bills.

Mr. Zeitlyn (to witness):—When you made payments on Atherley's behalf, I suggest that it never entered your head that it was in pursuance of some authority he exercised over you?—Whatever money I advanced to him which was not for the Company's use, I debited to him and expected repayment from him.

ORDERED OUT OF COURT.

At this stage of the proceeding Mr. Zeitlyn suddenly interrupted with:—"I don't know who that gentleman there is (pointing to a Chinese seated at the table near counsel for the prosecution), but I distinctly saw him emphatically shake his head at witness."

Mr. Jenkins:—I did not see anything myself. He is the Interpreter of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist.

Sir Henry Gollan:—Did anyone else observe the action?

Mr. Stainfield, a member of the jury, informed his Lordship that he had seen the action.

His Lordship (to the man referred to):—Just go out of Court.

If I see anything of the kind in this Court again, I will send the person to prison.

Proceeding with cross-examination of witness, Mr. Zeitlyn asked him for Mr. Atherley's paying-in book.

Witness said that it was kept by Mr. Atherley. He had seldom seen it.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—It was in the office when Mr. Atherley was arrested.

Mr. Jenkins:—We have never seen it. We were waiting for the other side to produce it.

Mr. Zeitlyn (to witness):—Are you with Getz Brothers now?—No, they have closed down.

Is there a new firm called Getz South China Trading Co?—Yes.

Are you with that firm?—Yes.

Do they use the same furniture?—No; it was sold.

To whom?—To Getz South China Trading Co.

I put it to you that Atherley's paying-in book is somewhere in your custody and I ask you to get it?—We have not got it.

When you made payments into Atherley's account, did you make entries in his paying-in book?—No, I personally have never written in the book.

Did one of the clerks under your control?—Not to my knowledge, perhaps the Manager told him to.

Mr. Jenkins referred to the fact of the original question and asked that it might be made clear. He did not want it to be understood from the answer that witness ever made payments into Atherley's account.

His Lordship (to witness):—Did you ever make payments into Atherley's account?—I personally have never done so.

The case is proceeding.

FUNERAL OF HOTEL FIRE VICTIM.



Picture shows the remains of the late Able Seaman Edward Batchelor, who lost his life in the disastrous fire at the Hongkong Hotel, being escorted with full naval honours to the cemetery at Happy Valley. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

SHANGHAI LETTER.

Labour Agitation—Shooting Affair Damages—Anti-Japanese Move.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Dec. 31.

In view of recent developments, when the labour situation in Shanghai daily appears to be growing more ominous and difficult, an outstanding problem that confronts the foreign authorities is to determine what course may be taken to quell any new serious outbreak which zealous agitators to-day are striving to bring about.

While a summarised version of the findings of the Judicial Inquiry has been issued, bringing about the resignations of Mr. K. J. McEuen, from the post of Commissioner of Police, and Mr. E. W. Everson, from the position of Inspector of Police, it is perfectly obvious that the resentment even of the rank and file of Chinese has not been appeased in any great degree and radical elements are taking full advantage of the situation.

Simultaneously with the announcement of the resignations of the two police officers, the Municipal Council dispatched to Mr. Hsu Yuan, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, a cheque in the sum of \$75,000 "as a compassionate grant and mark of sympathy with the wounded and with the relatives of those killed in the shooting outside Louza Police Station."

TWO MILLION DOLLARS?

Then it was disclosed swiftly that the Foreign Office at Peking had its own ideas, built upon data supplied from Shanghai, about the question of cash damages in connection with the May 30 incident. Negotiations with the Diplomatic Corps were proceeding in this connection when Commissioner Hsu sent the notification to Peking that a payment of \$75,000 had been received from the Municipal Council of Shanghai. Instructions he asked for quickly were forthcoming, with the result that to-day the cheque for \$75,000 is being returned to the Municipal Council and at the same time it has become known that Chinese officialdom has figured the damages to run to something like two millions. Although the reason for the grant of \$75,000 was carefully specified by the Council when it was made, the fact that the grant was made, in characteristic Chinese fashion, has been construed as an admission of guilt—a sign of weakness.

It may be anticipated therefore that some new major demand will be made upon the Municipal Council with the full support of the Peking Government and this will have the zealous support of every radical.

In the meantime the forces of disorder energetically have been pursuing their ends—promoting labour unrest, causing strikes, staging meetings and letting loose the sentiments of those who want to tear to pieces the whole social fabric of the country. The list of things and individuals attacked is bewildering until it seems really that, like a wounded snake, the Communist reptile in its frenzy even is striking at itself.

It is noteworthy that no marked onslaught at the present juncture is being made upon British in-

GERMAN STEEL.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM AMERICA.

Berlin, Jan. 4.

In connection with a report from New York that the banking firm of Dillon Read and Company is planning the formation of a German-American steel trust, it is pointed out that there can be no question at present of forming such a trust because no German steel trust at present exists.

It is believed that Dillon Read and Company, who themselves own steel works in America, are prepared to finance German steel works with big loans, so that lack of capital need no longer hinder the formation of a trust composed of all the principal German steel works, except Krupp's, who are averse to joining therein. Should this trust come into being, it is expected it will enter into close business relations with the Dillon Read steel works, without necessarily forming a German-American trust.

The amount which Dillon Read proposes to place at the disposal of the German trust when formed is not disclosed, but it is understood the German steel magnates have been trying for sometime to negotiate a loan in the United States of 25 to 30 million pounds sterling.—*Reuter*.

ANTI-CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT.

Besides attacking the Japanese, the agitators as a lesser effort have sought to revive the anti-Christian movement, but it begins to become apparent that this enterprise was developed from very small beginnings and has failed to evoke any general response from the masses. A much heralded anti-Christian demonstration that was to have been held on Christmas day failed most miserably. What had the aspect of a serious disturbance at its beginning was a noisy assemblage brought together to support a strike in the plant of the Chinese-owned Commercial Press, involving some four thousand workers. In this instance when serious trouble threatened the Chinese constabulary that had been sent to guard the plant, fired their rifles over the heads of the throng with the immediate effect of dispersing it and without inflicting any grave injuries.

One new undertaking forecasted which will afford a measure of relief to both foreign and native commercial interests is a plan of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang to remove the Kiangnan arsenal from Shanghai to Nanking. This plant, on the outskirts of the French concession, which under a Peking decree was to have been converted into an industrial establishment lately has been running full blast producing arms and munitions for the Chekiang forces.

ASYLUM CASE.

A FURTHER ADJOURNMENT.

The two Chinese, one a ward attendant at the Asylum, who are charged with conspiring to obtain the release of a patient named Lee Ah-lei, together with his belongings, from the Asylum on December 30th, again appeared at the Central Magistracy this morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

An attendant at the Asylum said he answered the gate on the day in question and saw one of the defendants with another man. They asked to see an attendant (the second defendant), but he told them he was on duty, and they could not see him. He made a report to the ward-master, and later the second defendant was allowed to go to the gate to see the men.

Another witness gave an account of how he met the first defendant, and of how they visited the Asylum. The first defendant was admitted, but witness was left outside. Witness was later taken inside, and overheard the second defendant urging the first defendant to claim the patient as his elder brother.

The case was adjourned until Thursday.

UNATTENDED CAR.

EUROPEAN MOTORIST FINED.

At the Central Police Court this morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. C. H. Wilson, of the firm Messrs. Robertson and Wilson, import and export dealers, was summoned for causing an obstruction in Pedder Street by leaving his car unattended.

Inspector Kent said the defendant's car was standing outside the Swatow Drawn Work shop, and no cars were allowed to remain on the side of the road above the entrance to the Hongkong Hotel, as obstructions were caused.

Sgt. Baker said he waited twenty minutes for the owner to appear. He did not speak to the Chinese in the car, as he could not speak Chinese fluently.

The defendant said he could see his car from where he was sitting, and he could have moved it. He did not think he was causing an obstruction.

A fine of 35 was imposed.

SYRIAN POSITION.

DAMASCUS STILL QUIET.

Paris, Jan. 4.

News from Beyrouth states that Damascus is quiet. In the region of Homs, the inhabitants are placing themselves at the service of the authorities to combat the rebels.—*Indopacif*.

BULGARIAN POLITICS.

FORMING A NEW CABINET.

Sofia, Jan. 4.

The Tsankoff Cabinet has resigned. The King has summoned M. Liapchev, head of the Democratic Group and President of the Democratic Entente, to form the new Cabinet.—*Indopacif*.

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Port Sudan, Jan. 4. The s.s. Baltimore Maru has arrived in tow.—*Reuter*. [A message from Perim on Dec. 30 reported that the Japanese steamer Baltimore Maru had broken her tall shaft.]

ANGORA DUTIES.

A FIVE-FOLD INCREASE.

Paris, Jan. 4.

Angora has increased by five times the Customs duties on goods coming from countries that have not concluded a Commercial Treaty with Turkey.—*Indopacif*.

THE HON. MR. FLETCHER.

RECEPTION AT KOWLOON.

Members of the Club de Reoio, Kowloon, are to-morrow holding a reception at the Club in honour of the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, who leaves for Ceylon on Saturday next.

The Club regards itself as being under a debt of gratitude to Mr. Fletcher in connection with the securing of a new recreation ground at King's Park, and it is to express its appreciation of his efforts on its behalf that the gathering is taking place.

The reception will take place at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow, and occasion will be taken to present Mr. Fletcher with a silver salver subscribed for by members.

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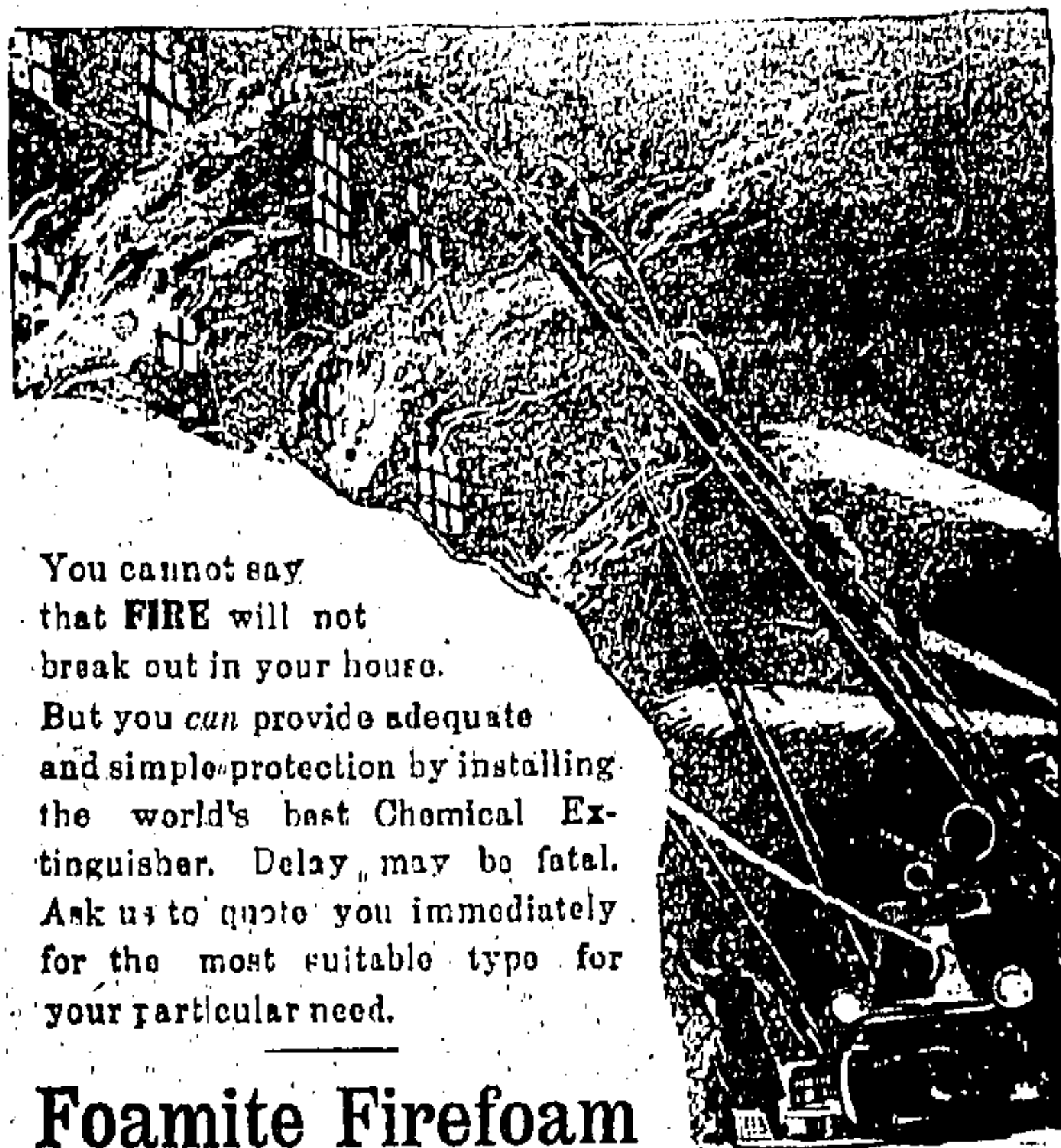
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KUO SUNG-LING'S OFFICERS.

No Mercy From Chang Tso-lin.

Tokyo, Jan. 4.

Foreign Office advices from Mukden state that eight of Kuo Sung-ling's civil officials are still taking refuge in the Japanese consulate at Hsinminfu and that Chang Tso-lin is still insisting that they be turned over to him. It is understood that Japan has instructed its consulates and railway guards that Kuo's officials must be protected at all costs, thus creating a somewhat delicate situation for Chang.

It is expected that extra guards will be sent from Mukden to Hsinminfu for the purpose of escorting the refugees to the Mukden consulate. Chang's troops are said to be watching the Hsinminfu consulate for the purpose of preventing the escape of the refugees. Chang has refused emphatically to grant the Japanese petition for mercy for the Kuo officials.—*Reuter.*

Kuo's Troops Reorganised.

Peking, Jan. 4.

The units of Kuo Sung-ling's army which surrendered, have been reorganized in ten mixed brigades under General Chang Hsueh-liang. Officers below battalion commanders are permitted to retain their posts, but subordinate positions have been found for higher officers.

Chinese circles report that Tuan Chi-jui has sent General Liu Chih-lung to Kalgan to consult General Feng Yu-hsiang regarding the question of Tuan Chi-jui's retirement on January 15.

It is reported that Tu Hsi-kun, who is under Sun Chuan-fang's patronage, has wired refusing the post of Ministry of Navy.

The Kuominchun assert that Feng Yu-hsiang insists on retiring from public life and say that another circular telegram to that effect will be issued very shortly.—*Reuter.*

A Generalissimo's Headquarters.

Shanghai, Jan. 4.

Mr. Huang Hsi-ling has issued a circular telegram advocating that Tuan Chi-jui, Feng Yu-hsiang and Sun Chuan-fang shall all give up their military power and organise a Generalissimo's Headquarters to carry out the disbandment of troops. It is also suggested that the civil administration shall be taken charge of by the Civil Governor of each province, that a united provincial senate be organised to supervise the provisional Government and that a national conference be held to draw up the constitutional law.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*

COURT OF ENQUIRY.

INVESTIGATION OF STRANDING OF S.S. TEAN.

A Marine Court of Enquiry will assemble at the Harbour Office at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, to investigate the circumstances attending the stranding of the S.S. Tean in the Hainan Straits recently, when on a voyage to Hongkong from Hoihow.

The composition of the Court will be as follows: Lieut. Commr. G. P. Hole, Harbourmaster, (President), Lieut. Commr. G. R. H. Harvey of the R.N. Chart Depot, Captain S. Robinson, master of S.S. Empress of Canada, Captain H. W. Chandler, master of S.S. Kumsang, Captain J. Thompson, master of S.S. Haiyang.

BOXER INDEMNITY MISSION.

WILL COMMENCE WORK EARLY IN MARCH.

London, Jan. 4.

The boxer indemnity mission mentioned in previous telegrams expects to begin its labours early in March. Lord Willingdon departs on January 15 via Vancouver for Japan and expects to be away at least nine months.—*Reuter.*

The Zoo has acquired by purchase from Mr. W. Goodfellow, who has just returned from a collecting trip in New Guinea and adjacent islands, six birds-of-paradise, belonging to five species. Mr. Goodfellow met with very bad weather on the last part of his journey home, and the birds are not at present best. But, if they recover, as seems probable, they will form one of the most gorgeous exhibits that the Zoo has ever possessed.

MARINE COURT.

DISAPPEARANCE OF NAVAL UNIFORM.

A Harbour Dredging Case.

A sequel to the disappearance of naval uniform from the signalmen's mess of H.M.S. Hawkins was heard at the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut. Commr. G. P. Hole, when Leu Fat, the master of a fishing boat, was charged, with using drags and grapplings, to lift objects from the Harbour bed in the man-of-war anchorage on January 2. Defendant pleaded not guilty.

A sergeant of the Naval Yard Police testified to receiving a telephone message from H.M.S. Hawkins during the forenoon of January 2, to the effect that a sampan was dredging close to the port side of the cruiser. Boarding a steam launch, he went aloft and arrested defendant, who, on his approach, cast off dredging impediments. In the sampan witness found a number of articles which had obviously been dredged up, including a large piece of saturated canvas. There was also a quantity of naval uniform which was quite dry.

Master at Arms Johnson of H.M.S. Hawkins related the facts leading up to the arrest of defendant. When the sampan was brought alongside, he recognised the accused as one of the men who was in a sampan alongside the ship when clothing and other objects disappeared from the signalmen's mess a few days ago. Defendant put no questions to either witness and elected to make a statement rather than enter the witness box. He said that on the day in question, he was proceed-

FLOODS IN HOLLAND.

RAILWAY STATION COLLAPSES.

Train, Derailed.

Amsterdam, Jan. 4.

Rain is still falling heavily and the flood waters are rising. The river Waal near Nymegen, is at its highest for very many years. Many polders in the neighbourhood of Amsterdam have been submerged. The viaduct and railway station at Beugen, north east of Brabant, have collapsed under the pressure of rising waters. Between Flushing and Gogh a train was derailed owing to a sinking dyke.—*Reuter.*

ITALY'S LOSS.

DEATH OF QUEEN MOTHER.

Rome, Jan. 4.

The death is announced of the Queen Mother, Queen Margherita.—*Reuter.*

ing from West Point to Wanchai with fish, when a police launch came alongside, took him in tow and placed him alongside H.M.S. Hawkins. He was unaware of having committed any offence. The naval uniform which was found in the boat had been bequeathed him by his grandfather, he said.

His Worship adjudged the accused guilty and fined him \$10 with the alternative of 10 days imprisonment with hard labour.

WIRELESS HINTS.

OVERHAULING YOUR SET.

Radio "fans" who have allowed their apparatus to be neglected and idle during the summer and are bringing them into use again at the opening of the winter season should give them a careful overhauling. The aerial which is suspended outdoors often becomes loose or the wires broken and in need of repair. Most antenna wires are stranded, and often a few strands are broken.

Often the antenna insulators become coated with dust and leak, causing inefficient reception.

Where an outside ground is used, this should be inspected.

The batteries of the set should be tested. This test should be made with a volt-meter while the tubes are turned on.

If dry-cell "A" batteries are used, each cell should test at least 1.1 volts. A 22½-volt dry "B" battery should test at least 17 volts, and a 45-volt dry "B" battery should test at least 34 volts.

A storage battery should be examined and their strength and life estimated in order that the owner may know the condition of his set.

All dust should be cleaned out of the radio set as dust collects moisture and is apt to cause a short circuit or loss of strength of the signals.

All connections should be gone over to see that they are tight. Simple, tight mechanical connections are better than poorly soldered ones.

BIG DISCOVERY.

A CURE FOR CANCER.

Professor Blair, Director of cancer research at Liverpool Infirmary, has told the Toronto Academy of Medicine of a number of cases of cancer which have been cured in Liverpool by injections of lead.

One was a case of a woman admitted five years ago to the Liverpool Infirmary before child-birth as a hopeless case.

She was now quite well and had since given birth to two more healthy children.

Another case was of a woman, who had been given only a few weeks to live, who had been restored to health by lead injections.

Doctor Adams, Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool University, was interviewed to-day on the subject.

He said that Professor Blair's declarations had been forced as the result of the astounding cures of a number of cases that had hitherto been regarded as inoperable.

So many of these cases had been cured that the matter could not be kept private any longer.

He added that, owing to the dangerous nature of the treatment, it had been possible to treat only cases that had been given up as hopeless.

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SIR HENRY GOLLAN'S VIEWS.

A very long summary of the findings of the Judges who conducted the Judicial Enquiry into the Shanghai shooting affair of May 30th was published in Shanghai last week.

Considerable space is given to the findings of Sir Henry Gollan (Chief Justice of Hongkong), the most important paragraph in which reads as follows:—"After full and careful consideration of all the evidence adduced by the witnesses, of their demeanour, and of the inherent probabilities of the respective stories told by them, I am clearly of opinion that the evidence given by the police witnesses, and supported by the large body of independent testimony, is substantially correct, and that Inspector Everson was justified in coming to the conclusion that, if the crowd had not been fired upon, the lives of the police under his command would have been sacrificed, and the crowd would have gained possession of the Louza Police Station, with results that might have been most serious in view of the quantities of arms and ammunition stored there."

"TUNGCHOW" PIRACY.

FINDINGS OF COURT OF ENQUIRY.

The Naval Court of Inquiry consisting of Mr. J. F. Brean (President), Lieut. Commander C. M. Stack, R.N., and Capt. J. S. Masson of the Str. Yalshing, concluded in H. M. Supreme Court, Shanghai, on the 30th ultimo, its investigation into the circumstances of the piracy of the China Navigation Co's str. Tungchow and the conduct of her Master and officers on that occasion.

The Court's Finding.

The Court adjourned at noon to consider the evidence and returned a finding at 4 p.m. Following upon a summary of the evidence, the following conclusions were announced:—

"Having carefully reviewed the evidence and the circumstances above stated, the Court sees no ground for blaming the conduct of the ship's officers or crew. In the light of the experience which had been gained by this incident, it considers, however, that greater care should be exercised in future in the matter of Chinese passengers. If possible, some record should be kept of Chinese passengers to whom tickets are sold and they should be searched for arms before the ship leaves the port. In the case of ships carrying bullion or specie, it might be advisable, at all events as a temporary measure, either to take no Chinese passengers or else to carry an armed guard in addition to the crew.

"The Court is also of the opinion that the provision of wireless, which it understands is shortly to be installed on the China Navigation Company's ships running between Shanghai and Tientsin, will act as an additional deterrent to pirates contemplating a seizure of this nature.

"Finally it desires to record its conviction that the only satisfactory way of dealing with the pirate menace is to destroy the pirates bases on shore, without which attacks such as that on the str. Tungchow would be impossible.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS.

VOTING ON GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION.

Paris, Jan. 4. At Socialist gatherings in the Department of the Seine, over twenty speeches were delivered; and voting on the various resolutions will take place on Friday. The probable result will be—141 against and 79 for participation by Socialists in the Ministry. About thirty are doubtful.

The Socialist Federations of the Department of Low and High Pyrenees, Herault, Allier, Var, Finistere, Oise, Saintes, Loire et Cher and Tarn favoured participation, whilst in the Departments of Bouches du Rhone, Seine an Loire, Somme, Gard, Savoie, Loire and Rhone they voted against. Non-participation is assured by a considerable majority. —Indopacifi.

SOUTH AMERICAN RUN.

JAPANESE SHIPPING LINES COMPETE.

The South American line is now expected to enter a new stage for keener competition between the N. Y. K. and the O. S. K., say the *Osaka Mainichi*.

The O. S. K.'s new South American liner Santos Maru left the port on her maiden voyage on December 24. Her two sister boats, the La Plata Maru, and the Matto-video Maru, will be put on the same service in next March and May, respectively, as soon as the ship-building is completed. Beside these the steamship company will have two old boats, the Manila Maru and the Hawaii Maru, on the Japan-South America run. Compared with before, however, this is one boat less, as six boats have been plying between Japan and South America. These five boats will leave Japan once a month in order to contribute to the immigration business of this country.

The N.Y.K., which is the pioneer in the South American service, is now planning successfully to compete with the O. S. K. The N.Y.K. has been allocating two boats, the Kamakura Maru and the Awa Maru for South America sailing every other month. The speed of these boats is slower than the O. S. K.'s liners and this has caused the N. Y. K. South American liners to take 10 days more or less longer than the O. S. K.'s.

Passengers and freights for N. Y. K.'s boats have been few as a result, only receiving those left by the O. S. K. liners. In addition, the Government subsidies have been granted to the O. S. K. for the service, and the N. Y. K. in competition for the South American service.

The N. Y. K., however, is proud of its liners' return passage from South America, making a call at South African ports in order to carry a big amount of coffee, whereas the O. S. K. liners come back via Hawaii. The N. Y. K. now thinks that it cannot beat the O. S. K. in the competition for the outward passage and plans to counter efforts on the return passage, which the company has practically been monopolizing.

Sailing will, most probably be made fortnightly as agreed upon by the two steamship companies some time ago, and they will allocate their liners so as not to compete each other in taking passengers and freights at the same time. Equipment of both the companies' liners is to be bettered in the future.

It was recently reported that the Brazilian Government has decided to shut out immigrants when they reach about 300,000. In this event Japan will be affected to a great extent, and the O.S.K., which has been allocating its boats mostly for the purpose, will not have to construct boats accommodating 700 third class passengers each.

Taking this into consideration, the O.S.K. has installed, or is installing, refrigerating equipment on its South American liners in order to carry freights. Both the N.Y.K. and the O.S.K. are thus doing their best to improve their boats, to say nothing of the propaganda by these companies in order to absorb passengers and freights.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS



Miss Fortune retains her maiden name after marriage.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.
Hongkong, \$1,070 sa.
Chartered, £21 n.
Mercantile A. and B., £29½ n.
Mercantile C., £13½ n.
P. and O., £9½ n.
East Asia, \$85 n.

Marine Ins.
Canton Ins., \$590 b.
China Underwriters, \$2.25 s.
North China, Tls. 145 n.
Unions, \$253 b.
Yangtze, \$35 b.

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China Firs., \$165 b.
Hongkong Fire, \$600 s.

Shipping.
Douglases, \$35 b.
Steamships, \$24 b.
Tugs, \$41 n.
Indo-Chinas, \$38 n.
Shell Trans., \$8/- b.
Star Ferries, \$62½ sa.
Waterboats, \$16 b.
Oriental Nav., \$250 n.

Refineries.
China Sugars, \$31 n.
Malabons, \$48 n.

Mining.
Benguets, \$1.90 n.
Kailans, 45/- n.
Langkats, Tls. 33½ n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 5.45 n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 8 n.
Raubis, \$5.80 s.
Tronohs, 58/- n.
Ural Caspians, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$130 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$56 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 165 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 7½ b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 114 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$84 sa.
H.K. Lands, \$69 sa.
Realty, \$5 b.
Territorials, \$6 b.
Humphreys, \$13½ sa.
Princes Bldgs, \$150 n.
Rural Lands, \$7 s.

Cottons.
Ewos, Tls. 10 s.
Orientals, Tls. 33.25 s.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 62 s.

Miscellaneous.
Canton Ices, \$7½ n.
Cements, \$15.25 b.
China Buses, Tls. 10½ b.
China Lights, \$15.10 n.
China Prov., \$8½ n.
Constructions, \$2.25 b.
Dairy Farms, \$17½ n.
Der A. Wing, \$10 n.
Electrics, \$55 n.
Macao Electric, \$40 n.
Developments, 30 cents, b.
Ropos, \$40 s.
Tramways, \$24½ sa.
Lane Crawford, \$12½ n.
Mackintosh, \$21½ n.
Peak Trams, \$16 b.
Sinceres, \$11 s.
Taxis, \$5 s.
United Asbestos, \$30 n.
Watsons (Old), \$12½ b.
Watsons (New), \$12½ b.
Powells, \$13 s.
Amusements, \$10.50 b.

Fortunes are being made by people outside the House who are dealing on the bull-tack in rubber and rubber shares. According to report, some of the jobbers in the Rubber share market are becoming rich more quickly than their wives deemed possible. The inexorable price has to be paid, however, for the heavy strain of the overwork. And what's the use of being rich if your wife's a widow?

Rubber spats are the reply of the men's fashion designers to Russian boots for women. Foot-wear dealers predict a great demand as soon as the difficulty of inducing men to accept a new idea in dress is overcome. The new spats hug the ankles and shoes, are almost indistinguishable from cloth and can easily be cleaned with a damp cloth. Varying shades of fawn and grey are employed, and there are flutings to give the effect of ribbed material.

The spread of nationalism feeling in Roumania, even in matters of art, was manifested in an unusual manner at the Bucharest Opera House a few weeks ago during a performance of "Carman." Taking a curtain call at the end of the third act, Mr. Emil Marinescu, a young tenor singing the role of Don Jose, thought the moment opportune to express to the audience his views on the policy of the management in the matter of engaging foreign artists.

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KHYBER	9,114	23rd Jan.	M'ses, Casablanca, London & Antwerp
LAHORE	5,252	24th Jan.	S'pore, P'ang & B'bay
ALIPORO	5,273	1st Feb.	Singapore & Bombay
DELTA	8,097	4th Feb.	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	6th Feb.	M'ses, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	20th Feb.	M'ses, London & Antwerp
MANTGA	10,902	6th March	Marseilles & London
KASHAIB	8,985	13th March	M'ses, London & Antwerp
KHIVA	9,135	20th March	M'ses, L'don & Antwerp
MOREA	10,918	3rd April	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	17th April	M'ses, L'don & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	21st April	M'ses, L'don & Antwerp
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SANTHIA	8,500	4th Feb.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
TILAWA	10,006	14th Feb.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

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*ARAFURA	6,000	6th Jan. 4 p.m.	Manila, Sandakan, Thurs.
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MALWA	10,941	8 Jan. 4 p.m.	S'hai, Moji & Kobe
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GLENAGLE	3rd Feb.	GLENSHIEL	31st Jan.
GLENAMOY	23rd Feb.	L'don, R'dam & H'burg via Oran.	
GLENAGARY	4th Mar.	PEMBROKESHIRE	17th Feb.
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From	Per	Due.
Shanghai	Sochow	January 5.
Manila	Empress of Russia	January 5.
Shanghai	Amboise	January 5.
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Acey	Tahma	January 5.
El. S. A., Canada, Japan and Shang-	President Grant	January 7.
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U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang-	President Lincoln	January 7.
hai	St. Albans	January 8.
Australia and Manila	Delta	January 8.
Strait		
Europe via Negapatam, (Letters and	Tokushima Maru	January 8.
Papers, London 3rd Dec., 1925)		
Europe via Suez (Letters & papers		
London, 10th Dec., 1925, Parcels	Malwa	January 8.
3rd Dec., 1925)		

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date.
Fort. Bayard	Chung Hing	Tues., Jan. 5, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Taming	Wed., Jan. 6, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Suiyung	Wed., Jan. 6, 9.30 a.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New		
Zealand via Thursday Island	Arafura	Wed., Jan. 6,
	Parcels	Noon.
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
		(Due Thursday 1st, 1926.)
	Tungshing	Wed., Jan. 6, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai		
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C.	Emp. of Asia	Thurs., Jan. 7.
and S. America and *Europe via	Parcels	3 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C.	Registration	4.45 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
		(Due Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 25, 1926.)
Shanghai	Tung Shing	Wed., Jan. 6, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Taming	Thurs., Jan. 7, 8.30 a.m.
Strait and Calcutta	Tahma	Thurs., Jan. 7,
	Parcels	5th, 5 p.m.
	Letters	7th, 9 a.m.
		(Due Jan. 7, 11.30 a.m.)
Shanghai	Van Cloon	Thurs., Jan. 7, 10.30 a.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Kaying	Fri., Jan. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Strait and Calcutta	Delta	Fri., Jan. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and *Japan	Chikang	Fri., Jan. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Bangkok		
Shanghai, Japan and Europe		
Siberia (Letters and postcards	Malwa	Fri., Jan. 8, 2.30 p.m.
especially superscribed "Via Sibe-	Pres. Grant	Fri., Jan. 8, 2.30 p.m.
ria" only)	Sochow	Fri., Jan. 8, 2.30 p.m.
Manila		
Shanghai, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S.	Exion	Sat., Jan. 9.
America and *Europe via Victoria		
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GOING ABROAD.

GEN. FENG'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

Peking, Jan. 4.
General Fenz Yu-hsiang has issued a circular telegram stating that he is giving up public life and going abroad, and urging the military party to support Tuan Chi-jui in working for the betterment of the country.—*Reuter*.

PERSIAN THRONE.

NEW PRINCE ROYAL.

Paris, Jan. 4.
Teheran newspapers announce that the son of King Pehavi has been proclaimed Prince Royal. The coronation is postponed to the end of March. The heads of European States will be invited to the festivities.—*Indopacific*.

"RED" PROPAGANDA AT OXFORD.

ATTEMPT TO START AN INDIAN MOVEMENT.

Communist propaganda has spread to Oxford, where, according to the London Times, two non-Indians have been secretly attempting to promote the formation of a revolutionary group among Indian undergraduates.

It is reported that they approached selected Indians, enjoining strict secrecy, and it was arranged that all the members of the organisation should be shown under assumed non-Indian names.

A HONGKONG MALAPROSPISM.



Hongkong Resident (to lady passing through the Colony):—You see, dear, one has to be so careful of one's health here, for, as you probably don't know, we're west of the Cuspidores.

FREEMASONRY IN CHINA.

RECENT SPREAD OF THE CRAFT.

Freemasonry among the natives of China within the past few years has made rapid strides and there are now eight lodges of native membership working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Three are at Shanghai, and one each at Peking, Tientsin, Dairen (Manchuria), Nanking, and Canton. A further reaching out into the interior of China is anticipated as the Government becomes more stable.

Freemasonry was introduced into China by the Grand Lodge of England when the Lodge of Amity was founded at

Canton in 1767. This had not a long life and was erased in 1813. In 1844, the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 501, was founded, and this is still in existence, and with 11 other lodges forms the District Grand Lodge of Northern China. These lodges, however, cater chiefly for British residents, although a few highly educated natives are members, while the lodges under the Massachusetts jurisdiction cater chiefly for natives.

The possibilities of rubber production in the Amazon Valley are emphasized in a report by the United States Department of Commerce. The Amazon country has 300,000,000 rubber-bearing trees, most of which were allowed to fall into neglect when the East Indian plantations lowered the price of rubber.

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FIRE IN FOOTBALL STAND.

A HAPPY VALLEY BLAZE.

By some means still unascertained, the match stand of the Hongkong Football Club at Happy Valley caught fire yesterday evening, and a considerable part of the roof was burned away before the blaze was put out by the Brigade.

Flames were first observed about six o'clock, coming from the roof, and the inflammable nature of the stand suggested that it would be wholly destroyed. The Fire Brigade was summoned, and arrived within a few minutes. Meanwhile several Europeans who were in the vicinity of the outbreak made an attempt to prevent the spread of the blaze by tearing portions out of the roofing.

On the Brigade's arrival, a hose was immediately put in operation, and the fire was extinguished after only about a fourth part of the roof had been destroyed. Burning material fell on the seats, setting them alight in a few places, but the whole conflagration was subdued before much damage had been done.

An electric storm in Ipoh, Malay States, the other day, suddenly lit up all the lamps in a big bungalow near the Racecourse, the lamps going off a few seconds later. Afterwards the lamps functioned without a hitch.

MOTOR DRIVER FINE.

ACCIDENT NARROWLY AVERTED.

But for the driver swerving the side of the road in order to avoid an oncoming car, a serious accident would have occurred between a motor car containing Mr. J. Manners and Mr. H. Richardson, and another car (Ford) which was returning to Un Long yesterday.

As the result of the near escape Mr. Manners reported incident to the police and driver of the Ford car was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy, morning, with dangerous driving, failing to have an illuminated light and with not having efficient head lights.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to all three charges.

Mr. John Manners stated that he was proceeding along the Peak Road at 6.15 p.m. yesterday, and when near the Aela Bridge Company's works on the Peak Road a car approached the direction of the New Territories. The car was on the side of the road and was travelling, in witness' opinion, at excessive speed, which was estimated to be from 25 to 30 per hour. Witness' driver swerved to the side of the road to avoid a collision. Instructions were given to the chauffeur to round and give chase. On the Sam Ching village, the defendant car was overtaken and it was seen that the rear light was not illuminated and the right front light was also out.

Mr. Richardson and the chauffeur gave corroborative evidence.

The defendant, making a statement, said that he was returning from Un Long and met the plaintiff's car, which was in the middle of the road. He saw Mr. Manners' car and was overtaken. Defendant admitted that his light was not working and that the car did not go out after dark.

His Worship convicted on three charges. He imposed a fine of \$50 on the first count and on the third. On the charge of not having a rear light, the defendant was cautioned.

Addressing Mr. Manners, Magistrate said he was extremely obliged to him for taking action against the defendant.

OTHER CASES.

Major Stanford was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, leaving his car unattended at "Rogate" in Austin Road, loon, on December 18th and discharged with a caution.

At the instigation of Mrs. Hirst, the driver of a motor No. 1,100 was fined \$10 by the loon Magistrate this morning for carrying five passengers in the number permitted licence.